Linking each district with KVKs

†498. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided recently to link each district of the country with Krishi Vigyan Kendra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts particularly of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and North Eastern Region till date where Krishi Vigyan Kendras are set up and the number of districts not having Krishi Vigyan Kendras; and

(d) by when every district in the country have a Krishi Vigyan Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government have approved to link 578 rural districts (as per India 2002) of the country with Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during Tenth Plan.

(c) The KVKs have been set up in 415 rural districts of the country including 76 of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and North-Eastern Region. There are 163 rural districts including 62 in these States, which are not having KVKs.

(d) As per the sanctioned provision total 578 KVKs are expected to be established by the end of X Plan.

Manufacture of life-saving drugs

499. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that the pharmaceutical companies are requesting for inclusion of a provision to protect them in the third

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